

MOTORMAN TRIED TO BRAKE RUNAWAY B. R. T. TROLLEY CAR

Company Seeks to Prove That Smash Was Caused by Strike Sympathizers.

In the hearing by the Public Service Commission, Lewis Nixon presiding, on the collision of B. R. T. trolley car at Flatbush Avenue and Madison Street, Brooklyn, Saturday, when a trolley car running down hill caused the death of one man and the injury of nearly a hundred.

Hugh D. Combs, an accident claim agent, said he was on the runaway car. He said he saw Motorman J. Mooney make violent efforts to control the car by the air brake.

Edwin Sides, another passenger on the runaway car, corroborated Combs, saying Mooney used both hands in apparent efforts to stop the car.

It is N. Nexsen, electrical engineer of the Public Service Commission, said he had examined both cars. He said he found the machinery and brakes of the runaway car in excellent order.

"Would it not have been possible," asked Hoffman, "if the car were in perfect order for a mischievous or criminal person, with an extra controller handle, to make the airbrakes ineffective by tampering with the control at the rear of the car?"

"It might," said Nexsen, and agreed that something of the sort was indicated by the failure of the airbrakes to work, as later described by Combs.

Nexsen said Mooney could have resorted to the hand brake if the air brake failed and he could also have thrown the controller in reverse.

Nexsen also testified that a trolley car going thirty miles an hour on a down grade of two and a half per cent. could be stopped within 120 feet.

An adjournment was taken until Thursday morning at the suggestion of Commissioner Nixon, who told counsel for the company that the Commission wanted to know from some competent witnesses information concerning the qualifications of Motorman Mooney, what experience he had, what tests or examinations he had to stand before operating a car and what instructions, if any, were given him in the operation of cars on grades.

Counsel for the company said he would gladly produce such a witness of the District Attorney of Kings County would release him. He declared that such a witness would later claim immunity of any legal complications followed as a result of a testimony before the Commission.

Several persons said the motorman was not at the front of the car just before it smashed into the street car. George Donnelly, a transit inspector of the commission, described his vain efforts to find Mooney at the time of the accident and since.

At the time the Public Service Commission was taking this testimony Judge Haskell, in the County Court, Brooklyn, ordered Aaron Lichtenstein, a conductor, regularly in the employ of the B. R. T., as a material witness to the accident. Lichtenstein was riding as a passenger on the runaway car, according to the police.

At the offices of the B. R. T. to-day receiver Garrison said he had no comment to make on the conference between Gov. Smith and Samuel Compers, President Mahon of the Amalgamated Association and others to get the striking motormen and conductors back to work.

Garrison admitted the company's receipts from fares turned in by strikers were not of vast volume—"not as deep as a well nor as wide as a barn door," he said. Then he was asked: "How long will the strike be?"

"How long is a string?" replied the receiver.

7 MEN SCRAPED OFF TROLLEY CAR BY AN AUTOMOBILE TRUCK

Five Are Taken to Hospitals—Injured Riding on Running Board on Way to Work.

Seven shipyard workers, perched on the track side running board of a Hamilton Avenue B. R. T. car and clinging to the side rail, were scraped off by an automobile truck on Third Avenue between 25th and 30th Streets at a little before 8 o'clock to-day.

The truck was owned by the Fifteenth Street Trucking Company of No. 322 26th Street, Brooklyn, and operated by Patrick Mardone of No. 146 19th Street. He was arrested, charged with reckless driving and was held in \$5,000 bail for the Grand Jury by Magistrate McCloskey.

The injured men were attended by Drs. Connelly of Holy Family Hospital and Dr. Dunbar of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital. The following were taken to Holy Family Hospital: Vol. Matondo, thirty-eight, 15th Street, near Third Avenue, ribs broken, skull probably fractured; Frank Udino, No. 430 Sixth Street, kidney ruptured; Giacomo Carro, No. 587 Clinton Street, chest bruised; Charles Deola, No. 54 Woodluff street, mouth torn; Grant Truesdale, fifty, No. 174 14th Street, eye cut, shoulder scratched and torn; Salvador Napoleone, No. 43 Degraw Street, and Hans Samalov, No. 425 Coates Street, were sent home with minor hurts.

Nathan Edwards of No. 437 East 125th Street and Frank Finegan of No. 40 West 137th Street, both of Manhattan, motorman and conductor, were not held by the police to be in any way to blame for the accident.

RAILROAD TICKETS AT BARGAIN RATES IF YOU HUNT THEM

Travel to State Line on State Rate and Then Buy Another Ticket.

It pays to shop, to be a bargain hunter, even when the commodity you want to buy is a railroad ticket. This fact was brought out to-day in the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation of the situation caused by the refusal of the New York Public Service Commission to make railroad rates inside the State conform to the interstate rates as recently increased.

The man who is going to Chicago, for instance, will save several dollars on his ticket and Pullman if he makes the trip in two jumps instead of one, first paying his fare to Buffalo at the New York State rate, then paying the interstate rate for the rest of the distance.

It was C. L. Hunter, Vice-President of the Truck Lines Association, who pointed out this method of saving money for the thrifty traveler. He said the most persistent bargain hunters are traveling salesmen, experts in the art of getting a maximum of mileage for a minimum of dollars.

L. V. Porter, assistant comptroller of the New York Central lines, said the railroads expect to lose between \$11,000,000 and \$12,000,000 because of the attitude of the State Public Service Commission.

The hearing is being conducted by Chief Examiner Wilbur Laroe Jr. at No. 17 East 26th Street.

EXTENSIVE DAILY AIR MAIL STARTED

Planes Leave Five Cities for Various Points in Coast to Coast Service.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—An extensive daily coast to coast air mail service was begun to-day when planes left five cities for points across the continent.

CHILDREN MOURN KILLING OF TWO SISTER TEACHERS

The Misses Felter, Victims of New Jersey Maniac, Were Loved in Community.

Tears were shed by pupils in the first grade classes at the Washington and Livingston schools in New Brunswick, N. J., which had been presided over by the Misses Sarah and Susan Felter, when the children were informed that the teachers they loved had been slain after performing the last of one of the many acts of kindness which had stood out as milestones in their quiet lives.

The children, to whom the sisters had stressed the need for kind actions, were not told the harrowing details of the manner in which the Misses Felter were killed by a single bullet from the rifle of Michael Mamakovich when he held up an automobile party at Stelton, N. J. late Saturday night. They were too little for such a story. But they learned that the teachers' sister, Mrs. F. B. Whitlock, wished to attend a party with her husband and that the Misses Felter had offered to care for her two children while they were out.

When the Whitlocks returned home at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Whitlock alighted from the family car and her husband started to take the teachers to their home, No. 105 South Fourth Street, Highland Park, New Brunswick. In the car also was Miss Nellie Sims.

The party first went to the Sims home. There Edward Sims, the father, said he had seen someone prowling about, and just then a reeling figure dressed in a tattered army uniform and carrying a rifle and belt of cartridges over his shoulder, burst from some bushes. He was recognized as "Crazy Mike" Mazakotichmor, "Mike the Robber," who had frequently been under arrest, but who was regarded as harmless.

"I'm looking for my pistol," said Mike when asked what he was doing there.

Whitlock, as a precaution, secured a revolver from a holster in the car and shot the intruder. "Crazy Mike" leaped into the bushes, but first removed the cartridge belt from his shoulder, knocking his hat into the car in doing so.

The Felter sisters refused to leave the car and enter the house and were told by Whitlock to "scrunch down" in the tonneau while he backed away preparatory to turning the machine. They were crouched on the floor, possible when "Crazy Mike" again appeared, exclaiming:

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In addition to the children in the first grade rooms of the Washington and Livingston schools, probably thousands of former pupils who passed through those rooms under the tutelage of the Misses Felter to-day are mourning the death of their chief support. The mother and brother were reported to-day to be in a serious condition from the shock of the tragedy.

PROFITS OF PACKERS 5.05C. ON DOLLAR

President of Their Organization Says Gross Business Is \$3,500,000,000 Annually.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 13.—Packers' profits averaged 5.05 cents on the dollar last year, Thomas E. Wilson of Chicago told the Institute of American Meat Packers in his address as President before the annual convention here to-day.

"Big" Sister Taking Little Brothers To School for the Fall Term To-Day



1,058,000 PUPILS REGISTERED FOR SCHOOL OPENING

Fall Term Begins To-Day; Jewish Children Absent Owing to Holidays.

Most of the educational institutions of the city, public, parochial and private schools, open the 1920-21 season to-day. There will be only two weeks' respite during the next nine months for public school pupils, a week at Christmas and a week at Easter.

It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 boys and girls are registered for the classes. The increase will be about 20,000 for all systems, 15,000 for the public schools and the remainder for the parochial and private.

These are the figures according to registration, and, with the exception of Jewish boys and girls, nearly all represented in the summary were on hand this morning.

Public schools—Elementary grades, 778,000; high school grades, 75,000; continuation classes, 18,000. Parochial schools, all grades, 97,000. Other denominational and various private schools, all grades, 90,000.

There will be no shortage of teachers so far as the board knows to date. In fact, there may be more than can be used for several months at least.

In the Catholic school system the increase in registration may be more than 8,000. Because of the high cost of building material no new schools are to be opened, it is announced.

Night schools will open at a later date. Hunter High starts the school year September 27. Fourteen rooms of Public School No. 44, Hubert, at 14th and 15th Streets, were converted into the Co-Operative High School this morning.

The school is conducted on the work-week, go-to-school-a-week plan. Each of the pupils is employed and has an alternate for his position. During the week that one pupil is at school the alternate works and during the week that the first pupil works the alternate attends school. The school has the support of some of the largest business organizations. This morning the school rooms were occupied by the new high school for crippled children and four of the higher grades in the elementary school. These schools have been transferred to Public School 65.

While this is the first year that the co-ordinating high school has been carried on under one roof, the plan is not a new one, as it has been going on for five years. The classes have been conducted in every high school.

Crowded conditions in the high schools of Brooklyn were reported by District Superintendents. The enrolments in all of the schools, except those in Brownsville, where Jewish holidays are being observed, were larger than last year, and in some cases for several years past.

Erasmus Hall High School, Flatbush Avenue, near Church Avenue, reported an enrolment of 4,400, which is about 200 more than were attending last June. The auditorium was being used temporarily for classes.

District Supt. James J. Steynolds said part-time classes would have to be established in the elementary schools. Similar conditions of overcrowding were reported at Manual Training Commercial, the boys' and girls' high schools.

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GOV. COX RESUMES HIS SPEAKING TRIP THROUGH OREGON

Makes Address at Portland and Refuses to Cancel Other Engagements.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 13.—Outlining details of his financial policy, which includes proposals for a Budget Commissioner to act as an executive assistant to the President, and declaring the need for constructive measures for the development of Alaska, Gov. James M. Cox delivered an address here at noon to-day.

After discussing the League of Nations in terms of material results to the nation and pointing out that no readjustment worth while can come under reactionary guidance, Gov. Cox said:

"I have been amazed at the results achieved in our irrigation and reclamation projects. Some of which I have seen for the first time in my pilgrimage to the Western Coast, and I am appalled by the thought that selfish partisanship in the United States Senate, holding up by the heels the civilization of the world, would make it necessary for us to continue the building of big armaments when the amount necessary to expend in that program would increase the productive acreage of the United States by hundreds of thousands of square miles.

"When it is considered that the development of the Yakima Valley cost the Government only \$10,000,000 approximately, and that the price of a modern battleship, such as is being conducted to-day, is \$40,000,000, the average man can grasp the possibilities of a permanent peace and a complete disarmament. If we can stop building battleships and constructing agencies for the destruction of human life, we can turn our thoughts to the development of agencies for the conservation of life and the happiness of mankind.

Gov. Cox is accompanied by a masseur, who is to administer treatments to his throat prescribed by Dr. Charles T. Chamberlain, who examined the Governor yesterday. Though the doctor advised the Democratic Presidential nominee to cancel some of his speaking dates to give his voice a rest, the Governor said he would not do so.

Neither the Cox nor Roosevelt trip set this State on fire with excitement politically. Criticism of the speeches and texts chosen for Montana was heard by the writer not only among Republicans but Democrats.

Some of the radicals who are supposed to be supporting the Democratic national ticket weren't won by Gov. Cox's boasts about his failure to use the bayonet to settle labor disputes.

They are all inclined to regard Cox and Wilson as identical, and they would have really shouted for the Democratic Presidential nominee if he had said he would free Debs and the other inhabitants of Federal jails.

Also, while Gov. Cox pledged himself to plead the Irish cause before the League of Nations if he were elected, the friends of Irish freedom declined to be satisfied with that and some of them announced that Cox wouldn't do. They haven't any assurance that Harding is any more friendly to the Irish than is Cox, but around Butte many Irish Democrats say they will vote for the Republican Presidential nominee.

All these defections from the Democratic ranks are expected to be made by the new voters that will be cast by former Republicans who are a part of the Non-Partisan League movement and who in their anxiety to put the said League in power will vote the straight Democratic ticket. Presidential electors and all. Gov. Cox's chances of carrying the State are unquestionably better than those of Senator Harding.

GOV. COX REFUSES TO CANCEL DATES ON SPEAKING TOUR

Resumes Campaign in Oregon, but May Omit the Rear Platform Addresses.

SALEM, Oregon, Sept. 13.—Gov. James M. Cox, Democratic Presidential candidate, after speeches scheduled to-day at Salem and Portland, is booked to make a swing eastward as far as Salt Lake City and double back westward to the Coast, where he is to fill engagements in California before resuming his eastward trip.

Following an address here at 9 o'clock, the Governor reaches Portland at noon and will speak there twice, leaving at 5 P. M. for Salt Lake City. Several stops en route were scheduled at points in Oregon, but, owing to the condition of the Governor's throat, he may not make any rear-platform speeches.

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BUSES CHARGE TWICE TROLLEY FARE, HE SAYS

Chamber of Commerce Head Pleads for Queens and Manhattan Line.

The Queens Borough Chamber of Commerce to-day through its President, H. Pushka Williams, wrote to Deputy Public Service Commissioner Barrett of Queens complaining about the "starvation attitude adopted by public officials of New York City toward public utilities."

Mr. Williams refers to the Manhattan and Queens Traction Corporation which stopped trolley service between Jamaica and Long Island City three weeks ago. This territory now is served by municipal buses, Mr. Williams says, "charging twice the fare charged by the trolley company."

In referring to bus operation as a disgrace, Mr. Williams writes in part as follows: "Why cannot the public authorities, who are responsible for the maintenance of transportation facilities, remedy with situation by permitting the Manhattan and Queens Traction Corporation to charge such fare as will give it an adequate revenue, sufficient to meet its expenses, not only its operating expenses and fixed charges, but to enable it to pay a fair return upon the capital invested in the service of the public.

"We believe the Manhattan and Queens Traction Corporation would resume operation of its cars immediately if its receipts from passenger fares were sufficient to meet its increased expenses. We are informed this is impossible at the present rate of fare.

"While it may be a moral victory to maintain a five-cent fare, still a five-cent fare and no cars operating is a far worse condition than a ten-cent fare (or whatever fare is adequate) with the cars operating and the public provided with proper transportation service."

BOY'S NOTE OF LOVE TO CHILD GETS HIM INTO POLICE NET

Girl Gives Letter to Father, who Causes the Arrest of Youthful Swain.

Arthur See, aged seventeen, of No. 166 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, son of Dr. A. W. See, was taken to the Flatbush Court to-day, charged by Joseph Conroy, of No. 87 Pacific Street, with sending an endearing letter to his daughter, Josephine, aged seven. See did not know the girl's name and had never even seen her when, it is alleged, he wrote the letter.

"Dear Josephine: Happened to see your name and address and would like to meet you. If you are a good game sport, meet me at Vanderbilt Avenue and Fulton Street Saturday, 3 o'clock sharp. Wear two white flowers, a small hat and block coat that I may recognize you. I shall be in the stationery store. Come in and ask for 'Spermin'."

"If this appeals to your romantic sense, don't fail me. Hugs and kisses. DADDY."

Josephine showed the letter to her father, who notified the police. Detective Joseph Fennelly told her to follow the directions of the letter. When she arrived at "Spermin's" in the stationery store, it is alleged, she was standing there and asked: "How old are you?"

He invited her to go to a Chinese restaurant for cheap money, it is said, and was then arrested. He was held in \$500 bail for examination to-morrow.

Advertisement for CANDY, PENNY A POUND PROFIT. Our Two Big Daily Specials. For Monday, Sept. 13th: CHOCOLATE COVERED RAISIN CLUSTERS—Big, Wine, juicy California Raisins, Raisins, and luscious, clustered and covered with our Unexcelled rich, velvety Chocolate. A world beater at the special price of 34c per pound. For Tuesday, Sept. 14th: LOUISIANA SWEEETS—This Special is made up of four big luscious bars of delicious melange confection, presented in four pleasing flavors—Vanilla, Wintergreen, Peppermint and Raspberry. A wonderful opportunity for all candy lovers. 34c per pound.

Advertisement for ASSORTED FRUIT AND NUT BUTTER-CUPS. A collection of dainty silky finished little candy pillows, presented in a host of delightful flavors and beautiful tints. They have fillings of crushed nuts or luscious chopped fruits. 59c per pound.